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TO: Airport Tenants  
FROM: Cynthia Stewart, Airport Manager  
RE: Projected Full Runway Re-Opening

I am very excited to announce that our contractors have been so productive that it is likely we can reopen Runway 13R/31L, with the full 10,000-foot length of pavement, by **8:00 a.m. Thursday morning, March 15, 2001**. Because of their hard work and the relatively good weather conditions that are expected to continue through tomorrow, only two full days of closure will be needed. Work will not need to proceed into the weekend.

This is subject to confirmation late Wednesday evening, and subject to confirmation that the navigation aids are still operating properly. FAA confirmation of the operational status of the PAPI visual aids and the ILS is planned in concert with the pavement opening. Assuming all will go well, we should not have to revise the schedule.

With damage of the magnitude sustained by this Airport, some other outstanding related items need to be addressed before full operational status is restored. Extensive grooving of the new asphalt is required; this will be scheduled during coming nights. Additionally, repairs to the airfield storm drainage system will continue. This work is not expected to affect the runway operations. Also, repair of damaged intersection taxiways and public ramp areas is scheduled following completion of the runway work.

The Airport is planning a re-opening ceremony on Friday morning, with the roll-out of a large aircraft and some festivities. Please plan to join us in this historic event – the survival of probably the worst thing that has ever happened to the Airport in its 73 year history. More information to come when the details of that event are known.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK NOTAMS FOR EXACT (CHANGING) DETAILS. You can also call 205-3790, a phone line that has been set up with recorded information about the status of the Airport. This is not a message line, just a recording.**

Please continue to leave your questions and concerns with our receptionists at 206-296-7380, or you may e-mail me at [cynthia.stewart@metrokc.gov](mailto:cynthia.stewart@metrokc.gov), and we will continue to send out updates to answer your questions as we can.

**Thank you again for your patience and good will throughout this very difficult time.**

